

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
PORT AUTHORITY WORKING GROUP
Wednesday, October 1, 2014 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM
Department of Economic and Community Development
1 Constitution Plaza, Hartford, Connecticut**

Attendance: Andrew Anastasio, Jr., Kevin J. Cavanagh, Orest (Tom) Dubno, Pamela Elkow, Garrett Eucalitto, William Gash, John S. Johnson, Deputy Commissioner Macky McCleary, Stan Mickus, David E. Pohorylo, Commissioner James P. Redeker, Bob Ross, Sarah Sanders, Thomas Santa, Tony Sheridan, Commissioner Catherine H. Smith, Geoffrey Steadman, Parker S. Wise

Guests: Tammy Daugherty, Christian Jepsen, Laura Jordan, Karla Lindquist, TJ Magnoli, Tim Sullivan, Betsey Wingfield, Kristin Wirtanen

Meeting commenced at 2:00 PM.

- 1.) Welcome by Commissioner Smith
- 2.) Introductions
- 3.) Review of ethics rules and guidelines by Commissioner Smith
 - a. No special filings for Port Authority Working Group (PAWG)
 - b. PAWG members are required to understand ethics rules, i.e. restrictions on giving and receiving gifts
 - c. All meeting materials will be open to the public and will be noticed at the Secretary of State's website
 - d. Commissioner Smith will send out an email containing a link to State ethics rules
- 4.) Election of Port Authority Working Group Chairperson

Vote: Commissioner Smith discussed options for appointment of a chair for the group, indicating that she and Commissioner Redeker would volunteer to be Co-Chairpersons of the PAWG, motion to vote by John Johnson, seconded by Kevin Cavanagh, unanimously approved
- 5.) Review of the Department of Transportation's Maritime Division by Commissioner Redeker
 - a. DOT is currently charged with working with DECD and private entities to expand economic opportunities for ports
 - b. Division oversees harbormasters
 - c. Staffed by four FTEs
 - d. Brings in an average of ~\$420,000 in net revenue that goes into State general fund
 - e. Funding for dredging and other improvements through DOT through CGA, Governor's Office, and Bonding Commission
 - f. Commissioner Redeker recommends Port Authority not to take over ferry system

- 6.) Review of the Connecticut Deep Water Port Strategy Study by Bob Ross, Director of Office of Military Affairs**
 - a.** Study is only two years old but the landscape is already changing
 - b.** Most important takeaways for PAWG are numbers 1-3 in “Eight Market-Based Strategies” section, Commissioner Smith adds that takeaway should also be that there are good assets in CT and those assets could be improved without significant investment
 - c.** Geoffrey Steadman expressed view that it will be important for the Port Authority to not focus exclusively on deep water ports
- 7.) Discussion on dredging**
 - a.** Current dredging through DOT is based on Army Corps funding availability
 - b.** DOT manages dredging coordination in consultation with DEEP
 - c.** Opportunities to improve planning and coordination under a Port Authority were discussed
- 8.) Review of PA 14-222 by Tim Sullivan, Director of Waterfront, Brownfield, and Transit-Oriented Development, DECD**
 - a.** Plan to turn report into CGA earlier than March deadline
- 9.) Review of Proposed Port Authority Working Group work plan by Tim Sullivan**
 - a.** Discussion of meeting frequency
 - b.** Commissioner Smith proposes to break up PAWG into smaller subgroups
- 10.) Discussion**
 - a.** Proposal to have relevant data and possibly subgroup sign-ups distributed prior to next meeting
 - b.** Proposal to have current local port authorities, Maine Port Authority, and/or CT Airport Authority provide lessons learned to PAWG
 - c.** Suggestion to add additional meetings

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM by motion from Kevin Cavanagh, seconded by Pamela Elkow, unanimously approved.